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REGION 7 DIRECTOR Annual report 2016.

1. New Members at Large, New Chapters and New Countries.

• New Members at Large (10 members)

- * Daniel Gremez : Belgium (old Belgium 5 member)
- * Rose Haegeman-Gremez : Belgium (old Belgium 5 member)
- * Jan Winther : Denmark
- * Lotte Winther : Denmark
- * Darko Novotni : Croatia
- * Stefan Isaksson : Finland
- * Markus Hoffer : Germany
- * Dirk Stampe : Germany
- * Steinar Lund : Norway
- * Eric Boss : Switzerland

• New Chapters (6 - 52 members)

- * Austria 4 (08/2016 - 8 members)
- * Croatia 1 (04/2016 - 7 Members)
- * France 4 (01/2016 - 17 members)
- * Germany 4 (08/2016 - 7 members)
- * Germany 14 (09/2016 - 7 members)
- * Slovenia 1 (11/2016 - 7 members)

• New Countries (3)

- * Denmark
- * Finland
- * Slovenia

Region 7

- First European Chapter : Ireland 1 - April 2008
- 87 MAL
- 756 Chapter members
- 19 Countries
- 16 languages
- 42 Chapters

2. Region 7 Director's duty

- European Board Meeting - Germany (January 2016)
- Visit Belgium 4 Party (January 2016)
- Visit of Germany 7 Winter Party (February 2016)
- Visit of Belgium 6 Party (March 2016)
- Visit of Germany 6 Party (April 2016)
- Visit or Belgium 7 Party (April 2016)
- Participation Ride Netherlands 1 (May 2016)
- Visit of France 4 Chapter (May 2016)
- Participation France 2 annual meeting (May 2016)
- Participation Germany 1 Annual Party (June 2016)
- Participation Belgium 2 Charity Ride (June 2016)
- Participation at « Ride for Forgotten Heroes » (4200 km - 2625 miles) (June-July 2016),
- Visit of Germany 2 Chapter for their annual Chapter event (July 2016)
- First visit to Austria 2 Chapter (July 2016),
- First visit to Croatia 1 Chapter (July 2016),
- Visit to Germany 3 Summer meeting (July 2016)
- Visit and participation to the European Knights Of Round Table 2016. The Red Knights have won the challenge. Next European KORT will be organized in Thun (Switzerland city) from August 4 to August 6, 2017.
- Participation to the Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dell (August 2016)
- Visit of France 3 Chapter for the charity chapter ride (August 2016). During this visit we have had a special meeting concerning the 2020 International Annual Meeting (August 2016)
- Participation at the European Annual Meeting in Belgium (September 2016)
- Organisation of Charity Ride with Belgium 1 for a Day House for Handicapped adults (October 2016)
- Participation to the Belgium VI charity Ride (October 2016)
- Fall down during the last charity ride (October 2016)
- Answer to all request from European Red Knights.

3. Region 7 Director's new projects

- I have proposed a change (following the article 3:09-B EUROPE : By-law committee - Article 8 - Amendement) concerning the EUROPE article 3:10 Vacancy (if a position of the European Board is open). My proposal is to follow the International article 3:05 Vacancy.
- Create Red Knights Belgium Association : In 2016, the Belgian Chapters has worked together to organize the 2016 European Meeting (under the cover of Belgium 4). In 2017, Belgian Chapters will meet them together to open a Red Knights Belgium Association.
- Participation to the Ireland, UK and Wales 2017 Meeting

4. General Informations from Region 7

- Step down of Anthony O'Donoghue from President of Ireland 1 position. The new President is Barry O'Mahony and Alan Robert replaces Barry O'Mahony as Vice President.
- Solving problem of Croatia 1 : the RK email address is croatia1@redknightsmc.com in place of Croatia1@redknightsmc.com
- Step down of Thomas Wade from President of England 1 position following his retirement. The new President is Chris Ostrom.
Thomas is a member of NC12 Chapter and founder of the first chapter in England. He plans to move inside England and joins the MAL program.
- Eight European Red Knights participated at European Knights of Round Table. Four of us participated to the games.
- Eight European Red Knights from three countries participated to the Annual Convention in Wisconsin Dell.
- 180 Red Knights (23% of the total of European members) from 25 chapters (62,5% of total of Chapters) participated to the The European Annual Meeting. Scott Ryan represented the International Board and a member of Ontario 21 joins us for the meeting.
 - * The meeting was conducted by the Regional Director as the Europe Association President Tom « Sparks » Hoedjes was deployed in Afghanistan. We had the time to talk with him directly from Afghanistan with Skype session.
 - * This year, the Europe association elected the President and the Secretary. We had only one candidate per position. Tom « Sparks » Hoedjes has been elected as President for two years and Stefan « Sergent » Streif as Secretary.
 - * The step down of the Europe Association Vice President Harris Puisais left a free place inside the European Board. Following the SOG of Europe Association, the board elected Jan Van Herck as Vice President for the rest of mandate.
 - * During the meeting we have had the time to talk with the presidents about the insurance, the importance of the official email address and about the 2017 International Annual Meeting in Syracuse.

5. On the grill

- Request of opening Chapter from
 - * Poland (1) : first contact, supported by Germany 7 (new country)
 - * Czech Republic (1) : first contact, supported by Germany 7 (new country)
 - * Switzerland (1) : first contact, probably apply in February 2017)
 - * France (2) : one in the north, first contact. Will open soon ; second in the southwest, supported by France 2, probably open in March 2017.

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